

Space Coast Woodturners Meeting – September 9, 2015

Minutes/Newsletter of Space Coast Woodturners – September 9, 2015

Submitted by Randy Hardy.

Just a reminder – the meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and the hands-on sessions are held on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 AM – Noon at Melbourne Village.

President - Russ Bremmer – Opened the meeting at 6:53 PM. He welcomed everyone and asked if there were guests. There was one – Phil Snider from Melbourne Beach. The Florida Woodturning Symposium will be held at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center on February 5 – 7, 2016. Rooms have been renovated and limited RV sites are available. National demonstrators include Joe Ruminiski, John Beaver, Ashley Harwood, and Jimmy Clewes. Regional demonstrators include Andy Cole, Walt Wager, Rudolph Lopez, and Al Hockenberry. It lasts 2 ½ days (3 days if you sign up for a workshop). You can just go for 1 day to visit all the vendors that are present. Reed Johnson said that 8 folks are given \$250 each based on a raffle with the stipulation that all the money is spent at the vendors. Our club had 3 (?) winners last year. About 280 turners attend and they have a silent auction and a regular auction.

Russ thanked Rex Bradford for the event at the DeGroot library.

Vice President's Report – Gary Christensen

- Demonstrator for September – Ron Browning – Christmas Ornaments

- Demonstrator for October – Bruce Lansdowne – Bracelets

- VP Challenge

1September – S, T, or U

2October – V or W

3November – X, Y or Z

Gary said he would be stepping down as VP at the end of the year.

Secretary's Report – Dotty Pugh – in the hospital, so Randy Hardy tried (unsuccessfully) to fill her shoes.

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- Treasurer's Report – Harvey Driver – The amount in the treasury at the beginning of the month was \$4,823.55 and he just wrote a check to Melbourne Village for the meeting venue, storage and "hands -on" rental. Harvey is still accepting membership dues for 2015. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. The fees are: Individual - \$25.00, Family - \$30.00.

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- Supply Master – Jim Donovan – he has \$700 toward the next order. He also has about 100 salt shaker "bungs" - they usually sell for \$1 each, but he'll sell them for \$0.80.

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- Items for sale

- Bob Winburn – Craftsman Table saw - \$100 or best offer

- Wynn Arnold – Craftsman sander – 6" wide x 48", 9" disc - \$150 or best offer

Old Business

Christmas Party in the AHF hall. Mike Frazier is the new coordinator. There will be 3 classes of Christmas ornament competition (novice, intermediate, and expert) with a \$50 (?) prize for each class.

•Hands-on Sessions – Saturday, September 19, 2015 – “Sawdust” session. If you are working on a project and need help with it; if you need to learn how to sharpen tools; if you are stuck and don’t know how to continue on a project...come to the sawdust session. There will be people there to help you with all of your questions about woodturning. These sessions are not just for beginners, but for anyone that needs help with something. We have 10 – 12 lathes available for your use and people to help you. The club (meaning you – the members) pays for the use of the meeting facility, so make use of it and the expertise of others.
September – Christmas ornaments – 3 different kinds
October – Finials
November – “Sawdust” session – see above. If you have suggestions for a hands-on session or would like to lead a hands-on session, contact Russ Bremmer.

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•SHOW & TELL –

•Sally Deabenderfer	Vase
•Bob Haarer	Legged Vessel – mahogany
Neil Earnhardt	Natural edge maple bowl
Bob Winburn	“Square” Christmas ornaments
Bob Cusumano	Pen
Randy Hardy	Purse hangers
Bob Greenberg	3 - sided plate with matching bowl

VP CHALLENGE – (S, T, & U)

Bob Greenberg	Lidded vessel, thick dish
Gary Christensen	Bottle stoppers
Neil Earnhardt	Sycamore 3-sided bowl
Elizabeth Barrett	Snowman ornament
Bob Cusumano	3–sided bowl
Bob Haarer	Hollow vessel
Randy Hardy	Salt shaker

(Thanks, Ned!)

Randy Hardy won a \$10 gift certificate from Craft Supply in the drawing for the VP challenge.

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•Bring Back item – Donated by Bob Cusumano - Pen

•If you are not familiar with the Bring Back idea, it is where a member turns something and donates it to the club. Then the winner of the drawing (has to be a member, not a visitor) gets to keep the item and then must turn something and bring it back the next month and donate it. The item doesn’t have to be the same thing; it can be anything that you turned. If you are not familiar with the Share the Wealth idea, it is where members donate an item that they have turned and it is raffled off to another member/visitor. It is a good way to collect turned items from others and the cost is FREE. What a great bargain.

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•Auction The auction brought in \$27.00 for the club.

Raffle Results

Stan Wiese
Ned Robertson
Randy Hardy
Paul Gell
Bill Wiese
Wynn Arnold
Bill Wiese

\$10 Gift Certificate to Craft Supply
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Free DVD rental
\$10 Gift Certificate to Craft Supply
Pen – Bring Back
Wood – poplar
Ornament blank

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- Demonstrator – Ron Browning
- Christmas ornament made from a single piece of wood that is hollowed out and the top and bottom are held together with a spring. The finial features a captured ring.

When turning a Christmas ornament, don't try to make the body spherical unless you're using a jig because your eye will detect any deviation from a perfect circle. Make sure when you sharpen your parting tool that the end is square. Make groove on both ends of the ball the same depth and square with the lathe ways. Make sure this groove is square. Ron did some end grain hollowing – he used a hook tool at the 7 o'clock position.

- Alan Lacer says that the Chinese have been copying his tools for 5,000 years.
- Ron used a closet rod for a handle with a carbide drill bit sticking out of it to round over his scraper to get a burr (he used “nose oil” for lubricant). He used a hook tool as a scraper.

For sandpaper grits, take the current grit (for example, 100), divide by 2 ($100/2 = 50$), and add it this number to the current grit ($100 + 50 = 150$) to get the next grit used.

He sanded up to 320 grit to remove all marks and used Hut polish – be careful with friction polish because you can get some checking due to heat. He used lacquer as a sanding sealer.

The long finial was on the headstock end and he made a captive ring using a dental tool. He said to not make pointy ends on the finials because someone will get stuck. He made a small hole inside the ball (both top and bottom) and then installed eyelets (you can get eyelets at Hobby Lobby) to attach the spring.

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• The Chapter's Purposes, in addition to supporting the general purposes of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of WOODTURNERS, Inc., are to:

- 1. Provide a meeting place for local woodturners
- 2. Share ideas and techniques regarding this craft
- 3. Trade woods
- 4. Exchange ideas about tools
- 5. Exhibit finished projects

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